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Application of

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Dennis Flood et al.

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Examiner: Unknown

For: SCALEABLE LOCKING

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on MAR 29 2004.

By: Shirley Doll

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Amend the Figure of the drawings by changing reference numeral “32” which is used to refer to the “ENCRYPTED SIGNAL BETWEEN CORE AND DECRYPTOR” to reference numeral “33”.